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SUBJECT: PROPOSED 1978 BOMBAY JAZZ FESTIVAL

1. "JAZZ INDIA," BOMBAY ORGANIZATION ENDORSED BY CONGEN AND BPAO, PLANNING JAZZ FESTIVAL IN BOMBAY IN FEBRUARY 1978 RPT 1978. PROJECT APPARENTLY HAS GOVERNMENT AND TOURIST DEPARTMENT OK, AND ORGANIZATION IN POSITION TO PROVIDE ALL INTERNAL LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY FOR PARTICIPANTS. WILL BE CONTACTING INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN ARTISTS AND GROUPS DIRECTLY AND HOPE EARLY ACCEPTANCE FROM ONE OR TWO MAY STIMULATE OTHER ACCEPTANCES.

2. HAVE REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ENDORSEMENT OF EVENT BY CU, AS EXPECT SOME ARTISTS CONTACTED BY JAZZ INDIA WILL ASK DEPARTMENT INFORMATION OR ADVICE.

B. ASSISTANCE IN SECURING CAB WAIVER TO PERMIT AIR INDIA AND PAN AMERICAN TO OFFER FREE TRANSPORTATION TO PARTICIPANTS.

C. USG SPONSORSHIP OF AT LEAST ONE MAJOR GROUP FOR FESTIVAL.

3. ADI J KATGARA, DIRECTOR OF TRAVEL CORPORATION OF INDIA, IS JAZZ INDIA'S HEAD. WILL BE ATTENDING TRAVEL AGENT CONVENTION IN NEW ORLEANS IN EARLY AUGUST AND WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS FESTIVAL AND ABOVE REQUESTS WITH CU REPRESENTATIVES WHILE IN U.S. PLEASE ADVISE CONTACTS. SAXBE

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